

Town of Suffield



Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – July 15, 2014

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the main firehouse. Present: P. Barrett, J. Mahoney, R. Gemme, G. Bland, Fire Marshal Mike Thibedeau and Chief Flynn.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Marshal's Report

The Fire Marshal updated the Commission on the house fire last week on Poole Road and a tobacco barn fire on East Street North.

Secretary's Report

Bland moved, Gemme seconded to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Gemme moved, Bland seconded to approve the year to date financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

The Fire Marshal reported that the Historical Society denied the size of the sign lettering proposed by Ethan Newsome for his Eagle Scout project because the sign would be in violation of the Historical Society regulations. The Fire Marshal asked if the Commission could appeal this ruling at a future Board of Selectmen's meeting. As this project has consumed almost a year of time to date, Chief Flynn suggested moving forward and using two smaller signs until the issue can be appealed.

Calls & Activities

The Commission reviewed the report for June 2014.

Old Business

- Discussion on the Mission Statement was tabled.
- The fire extinguisher prop purchased with a Zak grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has arrived. This will be used for public education on the use of fire extinguishers.

New Business

None

Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment

- Tanker 4 has been at Fleetmasters for the past 3 weeks waiting for parts to repair and oil pan.
 - The new pickup truck is in West Haven being equipped for our use. We should take delivery on Monday.
 - The UTV/Kubota has been purchased with a donation from the Auxiliary and should arrive within the next week or so. Chief Flynn asked the Commission to consider using up to \$15,000 from the Donation Account to help pay for a skid unit plus some other items necessary to put this vehicle into use. The current trailer owned by the department can be traded in towards a new trailer that can hold the weight of the Kubota. The cost not covered by the trade in of the trailer would be included in the requested \$15,000.
- Mahoney moved, Bland seconded to table the request for \$15,000 from the donation account until the August 2014 Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Personnel

None

Adjournment

Bland moved, Mahoney seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Bland
Secretary

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